

In the Claims

Please replace previous versions of the claims with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) An antiwrinkle cosmetic composition comprising a ~~substantially~~ purified essential oil extracted from flower tops of *Helichrysum italicum*, wherein the essential oil comprises about 40 to about 70% neryl acetate by weight.
2. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, adapted for application to the body or face.
3. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the essential oil is obtained by hydrodistillation or by an extraction fluid at or close to the supercritical state.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, comprising about 0.1 to about 5% by weight of said oil in relation to the weight of the composition.
6. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, comprising about 0.1 to about 2.1% by weight of said oil in relation to the weight of the composition.
7. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the essential oil is enclosed in controlled-release nanospheres.
8. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, further comprising a skin compatible carrier.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, further comprising an additional active ingredient selected from the group consisting of natural perhydosqualene, sucroesters, borage oil, oenothera oil, grapestone oil, vitamin A, vitamin E and allantoin.

11-13. (Cancelled)

14. (New) A method of cosmetic skin care selected from delaying appearance of skin aging effects, treating wrinkles, hydrating the skin, improving firmness of the skin, reducing appearance of wrinkles, and reducing depth of wrinkles comprising topically applying to the skin of a person a cosmetically effective amount of a composition comprising a purified essential oil extracted from flower tops of *Helichrysum italicum*, wherein the essential oil comprises about 40 to about 70% neryl acetate by weight.

15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the composition is adapted for application to the body or face.

16. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the essential oil is obtained by hydrodistillation or by an extraction fluid at or close to supercritical state.

17. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the composition comprises about 0.1 to about 5% by weight of the essential oil in relation to the weight of the composition.

18. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the composition comprises about 0.1 to about 2.1% by weight of the essential oil in relation to the weight of the composition.

19. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the essential oil is enclosed in controlled-release nanospheres.

20. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the composition further comprises a skin compatible carrier.

21. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the composition further comprises an additional active ingredient selected from the group consisting of natural perhydrosqualene, sucroesters, borage oil, oenothera oil, grapestone oil, vitamin A, vitamin E and allantoin.

22. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the cosmetic skin care is treating wrinkles.

23. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the cosmetic skin care is hydrating of skin.

24. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the cosmetic skin care is reducing the appearance of wrinkles.